

# Continuity 3.4

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$F(x)$  is continuous at  $c$  meaning  $x \approx c \Rightarrow f(x) \approx f(c)$

E.G.  $F(t) = t^2$  is continuous at 5  
2)  $0 \neq \epsilon \approx 0 \Rightarrow \text{st}((5+\epsilon)^2) = (5+0)^2 = 5^2 = f(5)$

Equivalent definitions

- 1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$
- 2)  $0 \neq \epsilon \approx 0 \Rightarrow \text{St}(f(c+\epsilon)) = f(c)$
- 3)  $0 \neq \Delta X \approx 0 \Rightarrow \text{st}(f(c+\Delta X)) = f(c)$
- 4)  $0 \neq \epsilon \approx 0 \Rightarrow f(c+\epsilon) \approx f(c)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = \text{st}[(1+\epsilon)^2 - 1] / (1+\epsilon - 1) = \text{st}(2\epsilon + \epsilon^2) / \epsilon$$

$$= \text{st}(2 + \epsilon) = 2 + 0 = 2$$

$$\text{But } f(1) = (1^2 - 1) / 1 - 1 = 0/0$$

There are 3 ways  $f(x)$  can fail to be continuous at  $c$ :

- 1)  $f(c)$  is Undefined DNE
- 2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  DNE
- 3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \neq f(c)$

- 1)  $F(x) = (x^2 - 1) / (x - 1)$
- 2)  $F(x) = 1 / (x - 3)$

- 3) EX  
 $F(x) = x + 2 : x \neq 4$   
 $5 : x = 4$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = \text{st}(f(4+\epsilon)) = \text{st}(4+\epsilon+2) = 4+0+2 = 6 \neq 5 = f(4)$

Continuous functions are nice for limits  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$

So which functions are continuous and which  $x$ -values?

Fact: If  $f'(c)$  exists, then  $f$  is continuous at  $c$ . Why?

Let  $0 \neq \Delta X \approx 0$   
By definition....  
 $\text{St}[(f(c+\Delta X) - f(c)) / \Delta X] = f'(c)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/3} \sin(x) = \sin(\pi/3) = \sqrt{3}/2$$

Sine is differentiable at  $\pi/3$  (and everywhere else), so sine is continuous at  $\pi/3$  (and everywhere else).

$$\frac{\text{St}(\Delta X) \text{st}(f(c+\Delta X) - f(c))}{\Delta X} = f'(c) \text{st}(\Delta X)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 1/x - 3 \text{ DNE}$$

$$(1/x - 3)' = -1/(x-3)^2$$

Not defined at  $x=3$

$$\text{St}(\Delta X) * f(c+\Delta X) - f(c) / \Delta X = 0$$

$$\text{St}(f(c+\Delta X) - f(c)) = 0$$

$$\text{St}(f(c+\Delta X)) - \text{St}(f(c)) = 0$$

$$\text{St}(f(c)+\Delta X) - f(c) = 0$$

$$\text{St}(f(c)+\Delta X) = f(c)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} 1/x - 3 = 1/5 - 3 = 1/5 - 3 = 1/2$$

$(1/x - 3)'$  exists at  $5 = x$ , so  $1/x - 3$  is continuous there

$\sqrt{x}$  is not continuous at 0 because  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{x}$  DNE  
 $\sqrt{0+\epsilon}$  is not defined for  $0 > \epsilon > 0$ , so  $\text{st}(\sqrt{x+\epsilon})$  is not defined so  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{x}$  DNE

Useful rule for limits:

If  $f$  is continuous, at  $L$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(g(x)) = f(\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)) = f(L)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos(1/\ln x) = \cos(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 1/\ln x)$$

Same for  $x > c$  and  $x < c$

Cos exists everywhere so Cos is continuous everywhere.

Assuming  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} 1/\ln x$  Exists  
 $1/\ln 0.01 = -0.217...$   
 $1/\ln 0.00001 = 0.108$

One Sided Continuity  
Continuity on closed intervals

F is continuous at C is and only if x is infinitely close to C  
 $X \approx C \Rightarrow F(x) \approx f(c) \Leftrightarrow \lim_{(x \rightarrow c)} f(x) = f(c)$

F is continuous from the right at c  $\Leftrightarrow \lim_{(x \rightarrow c)^+} f(x) = f(c)$

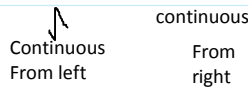
F is continuous from the left at c  $\Leftrightarrow \lim_{(x \rightarrow c)^-} f(x) = f(c)$

0 < ε Epsilon 0

$\sqrt{6-3x}$  is continuous from the left at 2

Why? Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{6-3x}$ . Check that  $\lim_{(x \rightarrow 2)^-} f(x) = f(2)$   
 Let epsilon be a positive infinitesimal, then  
 $\lim_{(x \rightarrow 2)^-} f(x) = \text{st}(f(2-\epsilon))$  &  $f(2) = 0$   
 IF the limit exists

Check that  $\text{st}(f(2-\epsilon)) = 0$  for all positive infinitesimals  $\epsilon$ :  
 $\text{st}(f(2-\epsilon)) = \text{st}(\sqrt{6-3(2-\epsilon)}) = \text{st}(\sqrt{6-6+3\epsilon}) = \text{st}(\sqrt{3\epsilon}) = \sqrt{\text{st}(3\epsilon)}$   
 $= \sqrt{0} = 0$



F is continuous on [a,b]  
 Meaning f is continuous at c for all x in (a,b) and f is continuous from the right at A and f is continuous from the left at B.



continuous from both sides in the middle

Intuitively, this means we can draw the curve  $y=f(x)$  from  $x=a$  to  $x=b$  without lifting our pencil, marker, pen, ect. From the paper

$f(x) = \sqrt{6-3x}$ .  
 This is continuous on [1,2] because  $\lim_{(x \rightarrow 2)^-} f(x) = f(2)$   
 Two Sided Continuity



Not continuous

Check  
 If  $c < 2$  &  $0 \neq \epsilon = \epsilon \neq 0$  then  
 $\text{St}(f(c+\epsilon)) = \text{st}(\sqrt{6-3(c+\epsilon)}) = \sqrt{\text{st}(6-3(c+\epsilon))} = \sqrt{6-3(c+\epsilon)}$   
 $= f(c) = \sqrt{6-3c}$   
 So  $\lim_{(x \rightarrow c)} f(x) = f(c)$   
 When  $c < 2$   
 For all  $a < 2$ ,  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, 2]$

If  $g(x)$  is built from +, \*, -, /,  $e^x$ ,  $\ln x$ ,  $\sin x$ ,  $\cos x$ ,  $x^n$ ,  $\sqrt[n]{x}$  then  $g(x)$  is continuous on a closed interval from [a,b] if for all c in [a,b],  
 $g(c)$  does not involve  $\ln(0)$ ,  $\ln(\text{negative})$ , or  $\text{even}\sqrt[n]{\text{negative}}$ .

Watch out for hidden divisions and hidden logarithms.  
 $\tan x = \sin x / \cos x$   $\cot x = \cos x / \sin x$   $\sec x = 1 / \cos x$   $\csc = 1 / \sin x$

$\sqrt[4]{\cos(2x)}$  is continuous on  $[-\pi/4, \pi/4]$   
 $-\pi/4 \leq x \leq \pi/4 \Rightarrow -\pi/2 \leq 2x \leq \pi/2 \Rightarrow \cos 2x \geq 0$   
 $y = \cos \theta$  we avoid  $\sqrt[4]{\text{negative}}$

$\log_b a = \ln a / \ln b$   $x^y = e^{(\ln x)y}$   
 If not rational.  
 e.g.  $2^\pi = e^{(\ln 2)\pi}$   
 $(-2)^\pi = e^{(\ln -2)\pi}$   
 DNE!



$-2^{(3/5)} = \sqrt[5]{(-2)^3} = \sqrt[5]{-8}$

$1/5-x$  is not continuous on [1,5]:  $x=5: 1/5-5 = 1/0$  is undefined and 5 is in [1,5]  
 $1 < 5 <= 5$

$$1 <= 5 <= 5$$

$\ln(x^{2+1})$  is continuous on every  $[a, b]$

Is  $\sqrt{5-x^2}$  continuous on  $[-2, 2]$ ?

$$5-x^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow 5 \geq x^2 = |x|^2$$

$$2 = \sqrt{4}, \text{ so } -2 \leq x \leq 2 \Leftrightarrow -\sqrt{4} \leq x \leq \sqrt{4} \Rightarrow -\sqrt{5} \leq x \leq \sqrt{5}$$

Actually,  $\sqrt{5-x^2}$  is continuous on the bigger interval  $[-\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{5}]$

